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Reasons for Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 20-31 are allowable over the newly cited prior art listed on the IDS. The references to Grabowski and Aftanas (US 5,549,229 and US 5,826,766) each discloses vehicle article carriers with cross rails which are slidable along the support rails, but fail to evidence a construction including the combination of independent slidable mounts and locking structure as specifically defined in the claims. GB 2,381,252 is not prior art to this application insofar as the publication has common inventorship with this application and the publication date of 4/30/03 is after the effective filing date (10/24/02) of this application. FR 2,699,475 discloses a vehicle article carrier with cross rails which are rotatable between stowed and spanning positions, but fails to evidence a construction including the combination of independent slidable mounts and locking structure as specifically defined in the claims.

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